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QUOTE S E C R E T NEW DELHI 2438

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MORG, PK, KE, IR, BA, MU, SA, MP

SUBJECT: I MIDDLE EAST FORCE- THE NEW FORMAT

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1. THE GOI HAS RARELY IN OUR MEMORY TAKEN ISSUE WITH THE MIDEASTFOR AND INDEED UNTIL 1971 THERE WERE PERIODIC PORT CALLS BY SHIPS OF THAT FORCE. GOI'S EXPRESSED CONCERNS (AND EVEN THESE HAVE BEEN IN A LOW KEY) HAVE FOCUSED RATHER ON THE PERIODIC FORAYS OF CINCPAC TASK FORCES INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN AND ON THE PROSPECTIVE USE OF DIEGO GARCIA.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE A MODERATE INCREASED USE OF KARACHI BY COMIDEASTFOR WOULD SERIOUSLY DISTURB THE GOI PROVIDING THIS WAS NOT REFLECTED IN OTHER MILITARY QUID PRO QUOS FOR PAKISTAN WHICH REFLECTED A HEIGHTENING OF THE PAKISTAN-US ALLIANCE NEXUS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY COMPLAINTS OR OVERTURES BY THE GOI TO COUNTRIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA WHICH IN THE PAST HAVE PROVIDED PORT VISITS TO COMIDEASTFOR SHIPS OVER SUCH VISITS.

3. SHOULD THERE BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE MIDEASTFOR, AN ALTERATION IN THE CHARACTER OF THE SHIPS WHICH COMPOSE THAT FORCE, OR A CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC RATIONALE AND IMAGE OF THE FORCE, WE BELIEVE INDIA CONCERNS WOULD INCREASE. THUS THE PROJECTION OF A REGIONAL FORCE, OPERATING EQUALLY OUT OF EIGHT DIFFERENT COUNTRIES COULD TAKE ON THE AURA OF AN INDIAN OCEAN FLEET, OR THE PRECURSOR OF SUCH A FLEET. THIS WOULD BE A CONCEPT THE GOI MIGHT TAKE SERIOUS EXCEPTION TO.

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4. SHOULD MIDEASTFOR SHIPS ALSO BEGIN ROUTINELY CALLING IN AT DIEGO GARCIA, WE WOULD EXPECT SUBSTANTIVE INDIAN OBJECTIONS.
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